

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and early and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, the specification has been amended to incorporate a revised sequence listing, and to insert SEQ ID numbers into the specification and claims. No new matter has been added.

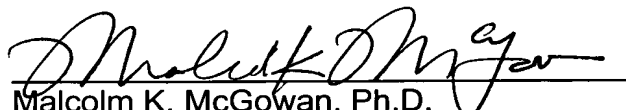
In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative, so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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